

PN2160 NAVY nominations (4) beginning DAVID F. ETHERIDGE, and ending MICHAEL K. SIMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 19, 2022.

PN2161 NAVY nominations (4) beginning ZEVEERICK L. BUTTS, and ending RODERICK V. LITTLE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 19, 2022.

PN2162 NAVY nomination of Peter M. B. Harley, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 19, 2022.

PN2163 NAVY nominations (14) beginning KEVIN D. BARNARD, and ending MICHAEL S. TIEFEL, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 19, 2022.

PN2164 NAVY nominations (18) beginning KATIE M. ABDALLAH, and ending RALPH J. STEPHENS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 19, 2022.

PN2165 NAVY nominations (10) beginning RON J. ARELLANO, and ending WILLIAM M. WILSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 19, 2022.

PN2166 NAVY nominations (5) beginning ERIN M. CESCHINI, and ending HEATHER H. QUILENDERINO, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 19, 2022.

PN2167 NAVY nominations (12) beginning CHRISTOPHER S. BERNOTAVICIUS, and ending GEDION T. TEKLEGIORGIS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 19, 2022.

PN2168 NAVY nominations (4) beginning NATHAN J. CHRISTENSEN, and ending CANDICE C. TRESCH, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 19, 2022.

PN2240 NAVY nomination of Cynthia L. Kane, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 7, 2022.

IN THE SPACE FORCE

PN2242 SPACE FORCE nomination of Andrew S. Menschner, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 7, 2022.

PN2243 SPACE FORCE nominations (2) beginning Paul A. Karsten, III, and ending Eric J. Perez, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 7, 2022.

PN2244 SPACE FORCE nominations (10) beginning DAVID A. BEAUMONT, and ending NICOL R. STROUD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 7, 2022.

PN2245 SPACE FORCE nominations (8) beginning WENDY M. DELACRUZ, and ending ERIC S. SCHLIEBER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 7, 2022.

PN2246 SPACE FORCE nominations (5) beginning CRAIG E. FRANK, and ending DAVID A. PHEASANT, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of June 7, 2022.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now resume legislative session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate

proceed to executive session to consider the following nomination: Calendar No. 1036, Phillip A. Talbert, to be the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of California; that the Senate vote on the nomination without intervening action or debate; that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table; that any statements related to the nomination be printed in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Phillip A. Talbert, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of California for the term of four years.

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Talbert nomination?

The nomination was confirmed.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now resume legislative session.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that, notwithstanding rule XXII, if applicable, at a time to be determined by the majority leader, in consultation with the Republican leader, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider: Calendar No. 920, Bernadette M. Meehan, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile; that there be 10 minutes for debate equally divided in the usual form on the nomination; that upon the use or yielding back of time, the Senate proceed to vote without intervening action or debate on the nomination; that if the nomination is confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to the nomination; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate then resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

APPOINTMENTS AUTHORITY

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the upcoming adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concur-

rent action of the two Houses, or by the order of the Senate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

BRIDGING THE GAP FOR NEW AMERICANS ACT

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 3157, and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the bill by title. The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3157) to require the Secretary of Labor to conduct a study of the factors affecting employment opportunities for immigrants and refugees with professional credentials obtained in foreign countries.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I further ask that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 3157) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed as follows:

S. 3157

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Bridging the Gap for New Americans Act".

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) APPLICABLE IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES.—The term "applicable immigrants and refugees"—

(A) means individuals who—

(i)(I) are not citizens or nationals of the United States; and

(II) are lawfully present in the United States and authorized to be employed in the United States; or

(ii) are naturalized citizens of the United States who were born outside of the United States and its outlying possessions; and

(B) includes individuals described in section 602(b)(2) of the Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009 (title VI of division F of Public Law 111–8; 8 U.S.C. 1101 note).

(2) OTHER TERMS.—Except as otherwise defined in this section, terms used in this Act have the definitions given such terms under section 101(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)).

SEC. 3. STUDY ON FACTORS AFFECTING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES WITH PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS OBTAINED IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

(a) STUDY REQUIRED.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor, in coordination with the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Administrator of the Internal Revenue Service, and the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, shall conduct a study of the factors affecting employment opportunities in the United States for